

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for cleaning adhesive and debris from an edge of a trowel blade having a thickness, comprising:

a. a body having an elongated slot extending through at least a portion of said body, said slot having a blade entry side, a blade exit side, and a lower edge extending therebetween; and,

b. a ~~first~~ pair of opposing, parallel, cleaning blades mounted on said entry side of said slot, said blades being arranged in spaced relation a distance slightly greater than the thickness of the trowel blade.

2. An apparatus as in claim 1 including a handle extending from said body.

3. An apparatus as in claim 1, including a cleaning trowel blade and means for detachably coupling said cleaning trowel blade to said body.

4. An apparatus as in claim 3, in which said means for detachably coupling includes a groove extending from a forward end to a rearward end of a bottom portion of said body, and a bar extending along an upper face of said cleaning trowel blade, said groove being sized and configured to accommodate said bar.

5. An apparatus as in claim 4 further including means for selectively securing said body, at any position along said bar.

6. An apparatus as in claim 3 in which said cleaning trowel blade has a forward end and a knife mounted on said forward end.

7. An apparatus as in claim 3 in which said cleaning trowel blade has forward lateral edges, and at least one arcuate cutout within one of said lateral edges.

8. An apparatus as in claim 1 including a second pair of opposing parallel cleaning blades mounted on said exit side of said notch, said blades being arranged in spaced relation a distance slightly greater than the thickness of the trowel blade.

9. An apparatus as in claim 1 in which said body has a flat bottom portion, and in which said slot defines a plane which is oblique with respect to said flat bottom portion.

10. An apparatus as in claim 1 in which said lower edge of said slot includes a plastic rod, said rod having an upper portion slightly above said lower edge, along which a lateral edge of the trowel slides.

11. An apparatus as in claim 1 in which the distance between said cleaning blades is adjustable.

12. An apparatus as in claim 1 in which said entry side defines a plane which is oblique with respect to a plane of said lower edge of said slot.

13. An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said body includes a periphery having an arcuate portion extending partly around an upper rim of a bucket, and a lineal portion connecting ends of said arcuate portion, and further including a semi-circular groove beneath and coextensive with said arcuate portion, said groove being sized and configured to accommodate a corresponding section of the rim, whereby said body is temporarily attached to the bucket rim.

14. An apparatus as in claim 13 further including a well within said body, said well having an open portion positioned beneath said entry side of said slot.

15. An apparatus as in claim 13 further including a V-shaped notch having a bottom edge in co-planar alignment with said slot.

16. An apparatus as in claim 13 further including an elongated, horizontally oriented scraper blade, on an upper surface of said body.

17. An apparatus as in claim 14, further including a scraper blade on an upper surface of said body, and in which said well has an open portion positioned beneath said scraper blade.

18. An apparatus as in claim 13 in which said body covers only a portion of an open end of the bucket defined by the upper rim.

19. A handtool for cleaning adhesive and debris from an edge of a trowel blade, comprising:

- a. a body having an elongated slot extending through at least a portion of said body, said slot having a blade edge entry side, a blade edge exit side, and a lower edge extending therebetween;
- b. means on said entry side of said slot, for scraping adhesive and debris from the edge of the trowel; and,
- c. a handle extending from said body.

20. An accessory for cleaning adhesive and debris from an edge of a trowel blade, comprising:

- a. a body having an elongated slot extending through at least a portion of said body, said slot having a blade edge entry side, a blade edge exit side, and a lower edge extending therebetween;
- b. means on said entry side of said slot, for scraping adhesive and debris from the edge of the trowel;
- c. a bucket containing adhesive, said bucket having an upper rim; and,
- d. means for mounting said body onto said upper rim.

21. An apparatus as in claim 20 further including a well within said body, said well having an open portion positioned beneath said entry side of said slot.

22. An apparatus as in claim 20 further including a V-shaped notch having a bottom edge in co-planar alignment with said slot.

23. An apparatus as in claim 20 further including an elongated, horizontally oriented scraper blade, on an upper surface of said body.

24. An apparatus as in claim 21, further including a scraper blade on an upper surface of said body, and in which said well has an open portion positioned beneath said scraper blade.

25. An apparatus for cleaning adhesive and debris from an edge of a ~~travel~~ blade having a thickness, comprising:

a. a body having an elongated slot extending through at least a portion of said body, said slot having a blade entry side, a blade exit side, and a lower edge extending therebetween; and,

b. a cleaning blade mounted on said entry side of said slot, said blade including a slit having a transverse dimension slightly greater than the thickness of the ~~travel~~ blade, and said slit being positioned in co-planar relation with respect to said slot.